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"(c) As far as the Residuary Madras State is concerned, the opening of a new Medical College at Madurai formed one of the Schemes of the Medical Department included in the First Five-Year Plan. No recommendations have been made to the Planning Commission for the assistance in procuring imported medical equipment."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, may I know the number of Medical Colleges that will be opened in the State in the next Five-Year Plan and where they will be located? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, in regard to this matter no proposals have been considered so far."

Government waste lands in South Kanara

* 748 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to bring under cultivation the cultivable waste lands in South Kanara district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Presumably, the hon. Member refers to Government waste lands. No proposal as such, to bring under cultivation such cultivable waste lands in South Kanara district is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, it is more than six years since the Government accepted the principle of bringing into cultivation waste lands as one of their important plans of development. It is a sad state of affairs that we have not even got statistics of waste lands available in the State. Will the Government be pleased to institute a comprehensive enquiry into the matter so that at least hereafter the cultivation of waste lands can be pursued as a matter of policy? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government have not been sitting idle over this question. They have been taking all possible steps to bring under cultivation all waste lands which are immediately ready for cultivation. As regards waste lands that have got to be reclaimed, the Government have also undertaken a survey of them in one selected taluk in each district. As soon as this survey is completed, it will be extended to the remaining taluks in the districts."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, in reply to a question of mine on a previous occasion, the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture said that in Malnad area of South Kanara district there are about 170,000 acres of waste land which are capable of being brought under cultivation. In view of the fact that South Kanara is not very much on the surplus side in the matter of food supplies, will the Government be pleased to call for a report from the district authorities as to the best possible means of utilizing these waste lands? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I may assure the hon. Member that steps are being taken in that respect."

Murder cases in Malabar

* 749 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of murder reported to have taken place in the Malabar district from 1st April 1954 to 15th November 1954;

(*b*) how many have been detected and how many not; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation with regard to the manner of investigations into the alleged murder of one Gopalan, in Nellikode village in Kozhikode taluk?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 28 cases.

" (*b*) Charge-sheets have been filed in 26 cases and 2 cases are under investigation.

" (*c*) No Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, may I know how many of the 26 cases have ended in conviction and how many in acquittal? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Eleven cases have ended in conviction, one in acquittal and fourteen are still pending."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, may I know how many of these 26 cases were of a political nature? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, if the hon. Member wants to know how many cases were by Communists and how many against the Communists, I do not have that information."

Harijan Welfare School for Kil-puthupattu village

* 750 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any application was received from the villagers of Kil-puthupattu village, Marakkanam firka, Tindivanam taluk, for the opening of a Harijan Welfare School in that village, during 1953–54; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) A petition for opening a Harijan Welfare School at the Kil-puthupattu village was received from one Sri K. Thangavelu on behalf of the Harijans of the village.

" (*b*) Proposals for opening a school in the village are being considered in connection with the Budget for 1955–56."